

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2015

Mayor Sullivan called the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to order at 7:34 PM.

Adequate Notice of this meeting of the Township Committee was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both The Chatham Courier and the Morris County Daily Record on January 7, 2015; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 7, 2015; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 7, 2015.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Committeeman Gallop, Committeeman Kelly, Committeewoman Swartz, Deputy Mayor Ritter and Mayor Sullivan.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as written.

Honoring of Veterans

In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, Mayor Sullivan spoke about the events of the War which occurred in April 1945. He also noted that this year is the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

Recognition – National Volunteer Month: Olivia Perlmutter

Mayor Sullivan noted there are many volunteers and volunteer organizations within Chatham Township who are worthy of praise and gratitude.

Mayor Sullivan read aloud a letter from Ms. Cavallo from Chatham High School citing the many volunteer accomplishments of Olivia Perlmutter. He also congratulated her on receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Ms. Perlmutter spoke about creating and organizing the Teens Connecting with Teens club at Chatham High School.

Mrs. Gagliardi from Chatham ECLC also spoke about the creation of the Teens Connecting with Teens club and the work that Ms. Perlmutter has done helping the students at ECLC.

Mayor Sullivan read aloud the attached proclamation recognizing Ms. Perlmutter for the creation of Teens Connecting with Teens and for earning the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Reports

Mrs. Swartz reminded the Committee about the Earth Day Cleanup Event that the Environmental Commission has planned for the morning of April 18th. She also reported that the Department of Public Works has begun making preparations at Colony Pool for the 2015 season. They are also working on road repairs.

Committeeman Kelly said that the Community Garden will be officially opening on April 11th. He also reported that the Municipal Alliance will soon be kicking off the annual Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign. Committeeman Kelly also reported that new walking trails on the Giralda Farms property are scheduled to open on June 6th. The event will coincide with both National Trails Day and an event celebrating the Loantaka Brook Reservation.

Committeeman Gallop reported that the spring season for the recreation program has begun. Regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline Committee, Committeeman Gallop reported that a regional

meeting was held to discuss how citizens can get involved in opposing the pipeline. Efforts are also underway to encourage additional municipalities to actively oppose the pipeline.

Deputy Mayor Ritter reported that Colony Pool registration is open, and he invited people to visit the Colony Pool website. The Colony Pool Advisory Committee will also start meeting soon. Deputy Mayor Ritter also reported that the fire departments are still actively recruiting new volunteers. The Public Safety Committee recently met and discussed Project Community Pride with Diane Mann from the Madison YMCA.

Engineer Ruschke reported that the sewer project is substantially complete, and there are still some punch-list items underway.

Chief Hennelly reported that the Public Safety Committee met recently, and will continue to discuss possibly joining Project Community Pride. They also discussed parking issues in the vicinity of Southern Boulevard School, and they are looking for ways to address on-street parking without implementing a more restrictive parking ordinance. Chief Hennelly said that he has spoken with Dr. LaSusa, and there is not sufficient parking available at Southern Boulevard School for all of the staff. Chief Hennelly also met with Fire Official Barry Howard to discuss various parking options and how they relate to the fire zones. They will try to find ways to add additional parking at the school if possible. The Public Safety Committee also discussed the accreditation process, and the mock assessment has been completed. Assessors from the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police will visit the Police Department over a two day period to verify that the applicable standards have been implemented. The Public Safety Committee also discussed the new initiative to identify those intersections which are uncontrolled, beginning with an intersection in the Sandy Hill neighborhood which was identified through a citizen complaint. Chief Hennelly also mentioned the Police Unity Tour fundraiser and PBA Beefsteak which are coming up soon. He also addressed scams out there by organizations claiming to represent local police departments, and he advised people not to commit to anything over the phone.

Rob Walton from JCP&L updated the Township Committee on their vegetation management program. Municipalities where vegetative maintenance is to take place will receive notice 60 days prior. JCP&L's troubleshooters will also start using iPhone apps to assist them with repairing downed wires. He also addressed recent outages in Morris County. Mrs. Swartz asked about use of pesticides in the vegetative maintenance. Mr. Walton said that some pesticides will be used, but there will mostly be trimming. MSDS sheets will be provided to municipalities regarding the pesticides to be used.

Hearing of Citizens/Petitions

Mayor Sullivan opened the Hearing of Citizens.
Seeing no comment, Mayor Sullivan closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-11

ORDINANCE 2015-11 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 2-13.4 OF CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III, COLONY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM REGARDING COLONY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County Morris, State of New Jersey that Chapter II, Administration, Article III of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham, Section 2-13.4, Colony Pool Advisory Committee, is repealed and replaced as follows::

Section 1. Repeal.

Section 2-13.4 is hereby repealed as follows:

There is hereby established the Colony Pool Advisory Committee, with membership, duties and responsibilities as follows:

- a. Duties and Responsibilities.* The duties and responsibilities of the Colony Pool Advisory Committee shall be advice and assistance to the Department of Recreation and the Recreation Director with respect to the swimming pool, tennis, paddle tennis, and all recreational activities and facilities associated therewith.
- b. Membership.* The Colony Pool Advisory Committee shall have five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the Township Committee. All members shall be paying members of the Colony Pool and Tennis Recreation facility who are residents of the Township of Chatham. The members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years, respectively, in such manner that not more than two (2) members' terms shall expire in any one (1) year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years.
- c. Meetings.* The Colony Pool Advisory Committee shall meet regularly at least once in each month with the Recreation Director for the consideration of matters affecting such programs, facilities, and responsibilities under the control of the Department.
- d. Organization.* At its meeting in January of each year, the members of the Colony Pool Advisory Committee shall select a Chairman and a Secretary from the membership of the Committee.

Section 2. Replacement.

2-13.4 is hereby replaced with the following:

There is hereby established the Colony Pool Advisory Committee, with membership, duties and responsibilities as follows:

- a. Duties and Responsibilities.* The duties and responsibilities of the Colony Pool Club ("CPC") Advisory Committee("The Committee") shall be to advise and assist the Department of Recreation and the CPC Manager regarding the recreational and social activities associated with CPC.
- b. Membership.* The Committee shall have five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor, with advice and consent of the Township Committee. All members shall be paying members of the Colony Pool Club. There may be a maximum of two(2) non-resident members appointed to the Committee. The members shall be appointed for a term of one year.
- c. Meetings.* The Committee shall meet at a minimum quarterly or as deemed needed by the Chair, for consideration of matters affecting programs, social matters, and to identify, develop, review and make recommendations through the appointed Township Committee liaison to CPC for the enhancement and promotion of the Colony Pool Club. The Committee's power shall be solely advisory.
- d. Organization.* At its reorganization meeting in the first quarter of each year, the members of the Committee shall select a Chairman and a Secretary from the membership of the Committee. The Chair shall be a Township resident.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Mayor Sullivan opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-11.
Seeing no one coming forward, Mayor Sullivan closed the Public Hearing.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-11. Committeeman Kelly seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 2015-085

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLLS, SCHOOL TAXES AND COUNTY TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED that bills in the total amount of \$1,413,295.98 and the prior month's payroll of \$427,506.32 Current Fund, \$51,689.64 Sewer No. 1, \$11,327.27 Sewer No. 2, and \$16,028.09 Police Private Employment be paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that taxes due to the School District of the Chathams, for the month of April 2015, in the amount of \$2,828,280.97 be paid.

RESOLUTION 2015-086

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPROVING MINUTES OF MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham acknowledges receipt of and approves the minutes of the Township Committee meeting held on March 26, 2015.

RESOLUTION 2015-087

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES AND SEWER UTILITY FEES

WHEREAS, an overpayment of property taxes or sewer utility fees has been made for the following properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the refund of such overpayment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following refunds be made:

BLOCK	LOT	NAME & ADDRESS	AMOUNT
48.08	13	Duvall, Gary & Diantha 62 Hastings Street, Apt. 304 Wellesley, MA 02481 Property: 16 Brentwood Road	\$1,152.76

RESOLUTION 2015-088

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COLONY POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham that the following appointment be made effective immediately:

Colony Pool Advisory Committee:

1. Carole Bhalla (2015)
2. John Simonetti (2015)
3. Jessica Romeo (2015)

Committeeman Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Ritter seconded the motion.

Roll call: Committeeman Gallop, Aye; Committeeman Kelly, Aye; Committeewoman Swartz, Aye; Deputy Mayor Ritter, Aye; Mayor Sullivan, Aye.

Mayor Sullivan read aloud the names of the residents appointed to the Colony Pool Advisory Committee.

Discussion

Capital Projects

Administrator Ciccarone said that the capital budget sheet in the 2015 Municipal Budget does not make any appropriations, but rather lays out a plan for capital projects. He also indicated that Engineer Ruschke would make a presentation on proposed road repairs. Fire equipment plans have increased after a meeting was held with representatives from the Chatham Township Volunteer Fire Department. Administrator Ciccarone also noted that the biggest item in the capital budget is a requested fire truck for the Green Village Fire Department. He further said that the Library of the Chathams has modified their request for funding to spread over two years.

Engineer Ruschke made a presentation regarding the proposed road improvements for 2015. The area near Dale Drive has a lot of construction, and Engineer Ruschke advised that road improvements in that area be held until the construction is more complete. The areas slated for road resurfacing in 2015 are Buxton Road, Wickham Woods, Woodland Road and Loantaka Lane. The continuation of crack sealing is also proposed. Engineer Ruschke outlined the reasons why each area has been proposed for resurfacing this year. He also addressed the need to improve drainage on the roads in the Wickham Woods neighborhood.

Administrator Ciccarone said that a proposal will be made to the Township Committee that an official moratorium be placed on road opening permits whenever a road is resurfaced. He also said that Attorney Cruz will be asked to research how accountable contractors can be held for damage to roads due to home construction.

Mr. Salvas addressed a proposal from Telvue for upgrades to the equipment for the recording and televising of Township Committee meetings.

Administrator Ciccarone said that a bond ordinance will be prepared for introduction at the next Township Committee meeting.

Hearing of Citizens/Petitions

Mayor Sullivan opened the Hearing of Citizens.
Seeing none, Mayor Sullivan closed the Hearing of Citizens.

Other Business

Deputy Mayor Ritter clarified that the letter to the editor written by Committeeman Kelly in reference to the upcoming school election offered opinions only on his own behalf, not necessarily those of the entire Township Committee. Committeeman Kelly noted that his letter stated that the opinions therein were not expressed on behalf of the Township Committee.

Committeewoman Swartz moved to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Mayor Sullivan seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Township Clerk